

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Title as follow:

DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM FOR ISSUING OFFICIAL STAMPS AND/OR TITLES
~~COMPRISING~~ APPLYING DEDICATED SMART CARDS

Please add the following paragraph on page 1, after the title:

-- This application is a National Phase application of co-pending PCT/IT2003/000703, filed October 3, 2003, which was published in English under PCT Article 21(2) on May 13, 2004, which claims the benefit of Italian Application TO 2002 A 000939, filed October 30, 2002. These applications are incorporated herein in there entirety. --